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REMARKS

Claims 1-21 were pending in the application. Claims 13-21 are withdrawn. Claims 3, 6, and 10-12 have been cancelled. Claims 22-23 are newly added. Support for claims 22-23 can be found on page 9, lines 1-6, of the specification. No new matter has been added.

REJECTION UNDER 35 USC 102(e)

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable over Blomquist et al. Applicants traverse the rejection and give the following argument in support thereof. Applicants have amended the claims such that L represents an ether link, whereas, prior to the present amendment, L represented an ether, ester or urethane link. Blomquist et al. does not teach nor disclose an ether link present in the L position. To the contrary, Blomquist et al. discloses only ester links. (The Examiner is directed to: the abstract; column 3, lines 37-65; particularly line 51, all examples; and Claim 1, line 4.) Therefore, currently amended Claim 1 is not obvious over Blomquist et al. In addition, new Claims 22 and 23 have been added to recite suitable B components for obtaining an ether link in concordance with Claim 1. Applicants respectfully request that the examiner withdraw the rejection.

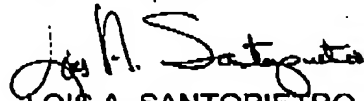
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In light of the amendments to the claims and arguments found hereinabove, Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance for all pending claims is respectfully solicited.

If anything further is required to advance allowance of Applicant's case, the Examiner is urged to contact Applicants' agent at the telephone number found below.

Respectfully submitted,



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